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SAPC-7662

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10 July 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel J. A. Gibbs, Deputy Project Director

SUBJECT: Items for Proposed Trip to [REDACTED]

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1. Reference your forthcoming trip to [REDACTED] I submit the following facts for your use in discussion of film procedure with [REDACTED]

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a. Although it might be desirable for Det A to utilize the MATS Blue Plate Special for the return of film to the ZI, future weight requirements for this return will far exceed that acceptable by MATS on a passenger run. This is based upon the utilization of Det A at its full capacity.

b. In order to ensure the proper movement of film, it is necessary that a Standing Operating Procedure be established. The procedure presently established indicates film should be delivered to Dover. The purpose of this is to reduce our requirement of shipping film by Commercial Air. Air Logistic Flights are readily available from Dover to Rome, New York and the film can be easily transshipped by truck from Rome on to Rochester. When three bases become operational, it will become absolutely essential that we utilize, to our fullest capability, the Air Logistic System as established. Constant deviations by personnel in the field, as to terminal location of shipments within the ZI, requires each individual shipment be handled as a separate case. This is creating considerable confusion at the present time and when three units become operational it would require the full-time efforts of one person to monitor the film shipments. This is considered acceptable.

c. For security reasons, it will be necessary to establish a film cut-out point overseas. The Project does not feel that the volume of film being handled can be shipped directly to our unit [REDACTED] without creating undue curiosity and speculation. A cut-out point in Northern Europe can be established almost anywhere desired. I feel that at this point, it should be left up to [REDACTED] as to where the cut-out will be as he will have a better "feel" for the local logistics situation. From our viewpoint Rhein/Main would probably be the best location as it is the terminating point of MATS' flights.

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2. I would like you to discuss the following additional logistic matters with [REDACTED] during your visit:

a. We have not been receiving acknowledgment of the receipt of shipments. As a result, we have been unable to determine our pipeline time and whether there is any bottle-necks within the pipeline. We cannot assure them an adequate flow of supplies until such time as they give us the information necessary to check the system.

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b. It is understood, from Mr. Cunningham, that [REDACTED] has been required to sign for all USE and Memorandum Receipt Property. [REDACTED] has been assigned as the SAC Liaison Officer with the primary mission of expediting our requirements. He has not been assigned as a responsible officer to sign for equipment being utilized by our organization.

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Deputy Director of Materiel

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